

DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES DISTRICT I

September 17, 2001

7:00 p.m.

Atwater Community Center, 2755 E. 19th

Members Present

Council Member Brewer
Treatha Brown Foster
David Franks*
Kenneth Hemmen
Carrie Jones Williams
Lori Lawrence
Debby Moore
Sharon Myers*
Celina Porter Robinson
Steve Roberts*
James Thompson
Lois Tully-Gerber
Willard Walker
Ken Woodard

Members Absent

Marcia Traylor

Guest List

Tylan Dyer, 315 Ellis, Baughman Group
Dorothy Nave, 1802 Looman
Berneitta Hartnett, 357 N Hillside
Robert Finn, 123 N Hillside
Robert Boewe, 1308 E Douglas
Brenda Glenn, 2625 N Madison
Morris Perkins, 120 N Belmont
Terry Johnson, 303 & 307 S Hillside
Willie Burton, 2356 N Poplar
Carl Legit, 1736 Northeast Parkway
Josephine Lewis, 2237 N Kansas
Glenda Turner, 2544 N Piatt
Sammy Turner, 2544 N Piatt
Mark Logan, 125 S Hillside
Maxine Took, 2619 N Poplar
G. Jamison, 2402 N Mainsgate
Valerie Robinson, 2368 N Chautauqua
Pearl Frost, 2911 Ellen
Alice Stewart, 1624 N Spruce
Connie Johnson, 2524 Raleigh
LaVonne McPherson, 2631 N Madison
Patricia Gaston, 2632 N Madison
Thelma Scott, 2601 N Lorraine
Edna Brown, 2656 N Poplar

Staff Present

Roy Johnson, Housing
Lt. Wanda Parker-Givens, Patrol North
Mike Lindebak, Public Works
Jim Armour, Public Works
Rian Harkins, Planning Department
Dave Barber, Planning Department
Cliff Fanning, Park and Recreation
Heidi Farmer-Drew, Neighborhood Assistant

*Denotes District Advisory Board Alternates

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Council Member Brewer called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. **Council Member Brewer** then asked to have a moment of silence, in remembrance of those who were lost in the September 11, 2001 World Trade Center Tragedy.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Brewer asked DAB members if there were any corrections to the August 6, 2001 DAB minutes. Being none, **Treatha Brown Foster (Celina Porter Robinson)** made a motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was accepted unanimously (10-0).

Approval of Agenda

Council Member Brewer asked DAB members if there were any changes or additions to the September 17, 2001 DAB I agenda. Public Works indicated that they would like to present first, following the Public Agenda. Noting the change, **Lori Lawrence (Ken Hemmen)** made a motion to accept the agenda. The motion was accepted unanimously (10-0).

Public Agenda

1. Scheduled items

1a. Bob Boewe, Spice Merchant

Boewe stated concerns he had with public parking on Cleveland (Old Mentholatum). **Boewe** stated that he was required to secure a twenty-year parking lease when zoning his business

- Concerned that Old Town Auto Plaza illegally parks cars that are for sale and/or being repaired.
- Cars are an eyesore
- Does not allow for anyone else to park on the street
- Too many parking ordinances for anyone to know and adhere to all rules
- Police have tried to work with Spice Merchant and Old Town Auto to resolve parking issue, however this would entail ticketing all illegally parked vehicles.

Boewe submitted pictures. **Boewe** stated that he would like to have the parking regulations enforced and would appreciate any assistance the DAB would give him with parking.

Public Agenda

2. Off-agenda items

No items submitted

Unfinished Business

No items were submitted

Staff Reports

3. Housing Programs

Roy Johnson, Director, Housing Department staff presented a variety of housing programs for City residents. Programs highlighted in the Local Investment Areas included:

- Homeownership Program
Emergency Repair Program
- Deferred Loan Program
- Direct Loan Program
- Home Improvement Program
- Paint Grant Program
- Rental Rehab Loan Program

DAB members and citizens had concerns that the boundaries for Home Improvement Program and recent expansion of the Homeownership Program stopped at 25th Street North and did not include the two blocks north of 25th Street, where housing actually stops.

Recommendation: DAB members recommended that the boundaries be re-evaluated to include 26th and 27th streets.

4. Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Rian Harkins and **Dave Barber**, MAPD staff, were present and gave an overview of the proposed amendments at. DAB members asked for time to receive and review additional information, and to make a decision regarding the proposed amendments.

DAB members expressed the following concerns regarding the proposed amendments: 1) would like to see more re-development focused on core/center /inner and 2) have more attention paid to the established neighborhoods.

DAB members agreed to revisit this issue at the October DAB meeting.

Public Works

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Public Works (continued)

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Planning Cases

No items were submitted

Board Agenda

7. Postal complaints

Concern has been expressed about a letter that was sent out from the Postmaster regarding dog bites. **Council Member Brewer** briefly discussed the letter that had been distributed. **Council Member Brewer** told DAB members that the Animal Control Department had had a difficult time catching the dogs, but were able to apprehend the animals. **Council Member Brewer** stated that ultimately, the responsibility of the animals belongs to the owner.

General Comments/Announcements

- Saturday, September 29, 2001, Neighborhood City Hall Grand Opening 11:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.
 - Districts I, III, IV and VI
 - Atwater begins at 1:00 p.m.
- **Lawrence** requested more tables to accommodate DAB members and alternates. At least 2 more tables and 4 more chairs.
- **Lawrence** also noted that the Cell tower at 17th (east), landscaping requirements installed, but dead. This was a case that had been heard by the DAB late last year. **Council Member Brewer** suggested the owner be contacted, cricket communications, Greg Ferris.
- **Moore** thanked Council Member Brewer for the updates that were sent out on the last two planning cases.
- **Council Member Brewer** announced that the development of Grove Park had been approved to begin.

Jones Williams (Brown Foster) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Heidi Farmer-Drew
Neighborhood Assistant,
Council District I